

**REMARKS**

Claims 13-16 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

**I. Preliminary Matter**

The Examiner has again objected to the specification as containing unclear phrases. The Examiner has requested that the Applicant submit a substitute specification including any changes. Applicant submits herewith a substitute specification (red-lined and clean version) which addresses those issues deemed in need of correction. No new matter has been added.

Further to the above, Applicant submits that although the grammar in the specification is not perfect, it is certainly sufficient for a person of ordinary skill in the art to understand the invention as currently claimed.

**II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of JP 2002-124175 to Kubota (“Kubota”) (cited in July 11, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kubota, which is discussed in the Background Section of the present Application.

**A. Claim 13**

Applicant submits that claim 13 is patentable over the cited reference. For example, claim 13 recites, “a housing provided with a plurality of fuse attachment portions divided by partition walls which extend substantially perpendicular from a bottom surface of the fuse attachment portions...wherein a part of the partition wall which is opposed to a part of the small-sized fuse accommodated in the fuse attachment portion is cut to form a notch, the notch

communicating adjacent fuse attachment portions to each other...wherein the notch is formed as a through-hole that is entirely bounded by the partition wall and the bottom surface of the fuse attachment portion.” Regarding the claimed notch, Applicant refers the Examiner to the non-limiting embodiment of element 65H in Figure 1 of the present Application.

Kubota discloses a housing 34 provided with fuse attachment portions 20 divided by partition walls 23 (Figs. 1 and 5). In regard to the claimed notch, the Examiner refers to the recess formed at the upper end of each accommodating portion (see annotated figure on page 6 of Office Action). On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintains that the recess of Kobuta can be defined as a through-hole. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s position and submits that such recess fails to teach or suggest the claimed notch. In particular, the alleged notch of Kobuta merely forms a recess in the partition wall 23 that is open-ended at a top thereof. Thus, the alleged notch of Kubota is not entirely bounded by the partition wall 23 as well as a bottom surface of the fuse attachment portion 20.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that claim 13 is patentable over the cited reference.

**B. Claim 14**

Since claim 14 contains features that are analogous to the features discussed above for claim 13, Applicant submits that claim 14 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 13.

**C. Claims 15 and 16**

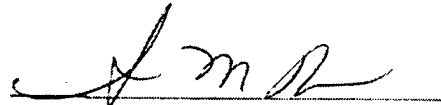
Since the features of claims 15 and 16 have been incorporated into claims 13 and 14, respectively, Applicant has canceled claims 15 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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